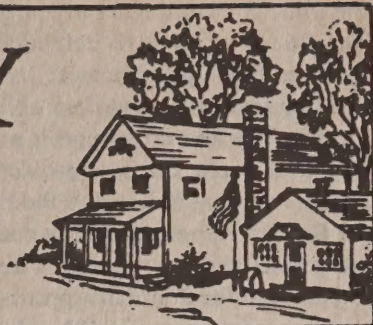




MONTEREY NEWS

AUGUST 1989



PLANNING BOARD NEWS

There will be a special Town meeting on Friday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Monterey Firehouse to consider amendments to the zoning by-law. Most of the changes are minor ones: additions, deletions, and clarifications. In addition, there are four new parts proposed for Section VII, General Regulations:

1. Stream, Pond Protection—setbacks of 150 feet from streams and ponds of septic leaching systems, and of 75 feet for new dwellings and large parking areas.
2. Erosion and Sedimentation Control—a set of standards for earth work, town-wide, and establishment of a permit process, through the Board of Selectmen, for large soil-disturbing projects.
3. Access to Public Ways—establishment of a driveway permit process, through the Board of Selectmen; this by-law is basically an adaptation of the current Town regulation used by the selectmen.
4. Common Driveways—establishment of a special permit process, through the Board of Appeals, for common driveways serving no more than three lots.

— Joe Baker

By-law Dilemma

The Planning Board had a quiet meeting on July 13 with three of the five members present. The three members discussed by-law definitions and their intent.

This respite gave the Planning Board an opportunity to recuperate following a minor fracas involving both the Board of Appeals and the Board of Selectmen. A few months ago Eric Pedersen applied to the Board of Appeals for a Special Permit for a multi-family dwelling (you may have seen his project in town on Route 23). Mr. Pedersen's application was found in conflict with the zoning by-law by the Planning Board, which cited Section IV B (6) (B) which states that conversion of a single-family dwelling into a multi-family dwelling without meeting lot area requirements is permitted by the Board of Appeals provided that "the lot area has not been reduced below the minimum (requirement) within seven years of proposed conversion." Mr. Pedersen's project lies on a lot which was reduced in size below the minimum last year. Chairman of the Planning Board Joe Baker consulted Town Counsel Hugh Cowhig on this matter, and Town Counsel confirmed the Planning Board interpretation of the by-law. However, after a debate on the issue the Board of Appeals granted (vote four to one) Mr. Pedersen a Special Permit.

Now for the fireworks. The Board of Appeals (members Peter Murkett, Ozzie Dugan, and Peter Vallianos) came to



SUSAN McALLESTER

Bonner McAllester's Nature Class fans out across Garfield Dam. The four-week series was funded by the Monterey Arts Council.

the June 8 Planning Board meeting to review the matter. The Board of Appeals defended their stand, saying that it "seemed like a good project" and it was not creating a new building lot so they had no problem with granting the Special Permit. The Board of Appeals was also concerned with what they considered semantic problems in the by-law. Chairman of the Planning Board Joe Baker was dismayed to find that the Board of Appeals had not consulted Town Counsel, especially since there was a strong dissenting opinion among the members of the Board of Appeals itself. It was then concluded that in order to revoke Mr. Pedersen's Special Permit the Planning Board must appeal to Superior Court, which the Planning Board voted to do, three to two. The Board of Selectmen, however, which must approve of any action taken to Superior Court, vetoed the Planning Board decision and let Mr. Pedersen retain his Special Permit on the grounds that he was already financially involved (having had his Special Permit for almost a month at this point), and that it would be too divisive for one Town board to sue another.

We have here a situation in which everyone was trying to do his or her job. The Planning Board read the by-law and on a by-the-book basis denied the building permit. The Board of Appeals saw that it was a project that would have no unfavorable impact on the town and therefore issued a Special Permit.

The Planning Board has worked on making the definitions within the by-laws more concise and expressed its concern that the citizens of Monterey contribute their ideas for Town planning. There will be another information meeting on Thursday, August 17, before the Special Town Meeting on August 25 to vote on some of the new by-law proposals. Come and offer constructive alternatives.

— Maggie Leonard

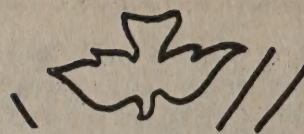
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Perhaps you've noticed the construction in front of the Church in recent weeks. The Church is about to enter the twentieth century with the addition of a "newfangled contraption" called — a toilet. Yes, at last we will have a modern bathroom. The outside has been excavated and a tight tank septic system installed (thank you to Leigh and Ray Tryon), a hole has been drilled through the basement wall (thank you to Roger Tryon) and the plumber (Steve Lay) is now in the process of installing pipes and fixtures. An electronic alarm, drainage system and landscaping will complete the process. Watch for an upcoming dedication — some have suggested breaking a bottle of champagne on the septic tank, others a bottle of Lysol on the commode. Whatever we do, we're glad to offer this modern convenience to the community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund Drive, making all this possible. There are additional costs yet for the system, and our hope is to modernize the kitchen as well. If you would like to make a donation please feel free to send a check (marked CIF #1) to Barbara Tryon. Special thanks go to Les Gile, Ray Ward, Dick Tryon and Priscilla Gulliver for all their hard work to make it all become reality.

Church Notes: More than a hundred people attended our Environmental Earth Sabbath on July 16 with 17 people leading the service. We have additional copies of a "Personal Action Guide for the Earth" from the United Nations. It's a helpful guide that gives specific ways to help clean our environment. Stop by the church for a free copy. We received \$281.46 from our Earth Sabbath offering, half of which will go for an environmental cause. If you have an idea of how this money can directly be used to benefit our town please let us know. Our family will be away for a three-week vacation in Colorado. We're pleased to have the following persons leading worship — John Stowell (7/30), Roy Hanson (8/6) and Royal Shepard (8/13). Our pianists will be Laurie Scott, Curtis Paine and Kathy Reis. The next family movie night will be Friday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

— Cliff Aerie

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MONTEREY LAND TRUST NEWS

The conservation restrictions on Woodburn Farm are in place! This is cause for great joy on the part of the Land Trust, and we thank all of you, members and non-members, who helped make it possible.

Our annual meeting this year will be a coming together to celebrate the success of the A. P. R. application. Please join us for the celebration of this event at the MPLT annual meeting/picnic at Woodburn Farm on SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, (raindate 27th). The farm is located on Corashire/Blue Hill Road, between Routes 23 and 57.

Events will start at 3:30 p.m. with election of directors for another year. Anyone wishing to join the board should call Andrea Chase of the Nominating Committee at 528-2521, or come to the meeting with five signatures from MPLT members.

Professor Bob Yarro, Director of the Center for Rural MA, of the University of MA, and Bruce Gullian, Shel's forester, will give short talks. (Bruce has also agreed to lead a walk through some of the forested areas of the Farm that he has done so much to preserve.) And we are very pleased to announce that Shel will read from his Woodburn Farm book of poems. Those of you who have not heard or read them before are in for a real treat, as are we all.

We have invited Peter Webber and Chris Hodgkins, both of whom fought hard for this effort, and hope very much that they can make it. In addition there will be a hayride and games, but most of all a chance to enjoy Woodburn Farm.

The food: We have decided on a pot-luck affair, which enables people to mingle more freely than if each family brings its own picnic. There will be one small gas grill for the grilling of hamburgers and hot-dogs *only*.

Bring salads, casseroles, desserts, and beverages. We will provide iced-tea. Your own place settings will also help conserve waste, but we will have some paper plates, etc., on hand. We plan to partake of the vittles right after Shel reads his poems. Hayrides, walks, and games will follow. This is *the* opportunity for us all to see what we've helped preserve. Everyone in town is invited. See you there!

— Joyce Scheffey

STUCKERS GO TO MICHIGAN

Virgil and Lis Stucker and their family are leaving August 1 for Holly, Michigan, where Virgil will help to found a psychiatric facility called Rose Hill, similar in form and purpose to Monterey's Gould Farm. The Stuckers have lived in Monterey for 14 years, while Virgil served in the administration of Gould Farm in various capacities, including Development Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Director. Virgil says the job in Michigan offers an opportunity for "personal growth," and "It's a time in our life for me to do something like that."

The opportunity for Virgil's new career started forming up about a year ago, when a group of concerned people in the Detroit area met to discuss creative solutions for the problem of mental illness in their communities. Michigan has been rated 43rd out of the 50 states by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill for its out-of-hospital services. It is said to be the worst, in this respect, of the eight industrialized states. The people in Detroit, parents of the mentally ill, social workers, business people, psychiatrists, were looking around for something to meet the need existing there. It was agreed that patients in psychiatric hospitals need a place where they can get re-engaged with the outside world.

The Detroit group had heard of Gould Farm, one of two therapeutic communities of its type in this country, and they called to inquire how it worked. Representatives of the group met with administrators of Gould Farm, and a plan was made which eventually included Virgil Stucker as Director. The Gould Farm model is simple and effective. It provides a normal place to live for both staff and guests. Workers do not go home at the end of a shift; they *are* home. There is activity and structure. As Virgil puts it, "Instead of sitting around talking about life, people go out and live it." The emphasis is on agricultural work and crafts with substantial therapeutic support and a ratio of about one staff member to every guest.

The facility envisioned in Michigan will be on a 400-acre working farm about an hour north of Detroit. Part of the farm program will work in conjunction with the Michigan State University Agricultural Department in an effort to develop sustainable agriculture in the state. The motto, according to Virgil, is "People with Sustainable Agriculture." Rose Hill has received strong support in Michigan not only from surrounding communities but also from several foundations, including Kellog, Mott, and Kresge, as well as two large hospital systems.

A contingent of citizens from Holly flew to Massachusetts in July to meet with a representative group from Monterey and discuss how an institution like Gould Farm works within a small town. The Holly group consisted of a Town Manager, a local farmer, an abutter to the proposed facility, and the Town Counsel. People from Monterey were selectmen Gige O'Connell and Rick Mielke, UCC minister Cliff Aerie, realtor Linda Hebert, and local farmers Bob Thieriot and Dick Tryon.

Monterey will miss the Stuckers and their four children, Dominic, Christoph, Heidi, and Stephanie. Virgil says they will be happy to have letters and visitors in Michigan. They may be reached at 726 Academy Road, Holly, Michigan 48442.

— Ellen K. Pearson

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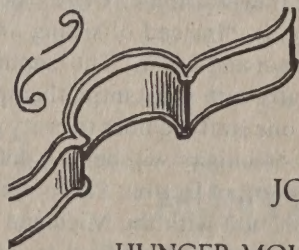
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Michael Cleary of Lee, leading a field of 64, wins the Monterey Race for the second year in a row



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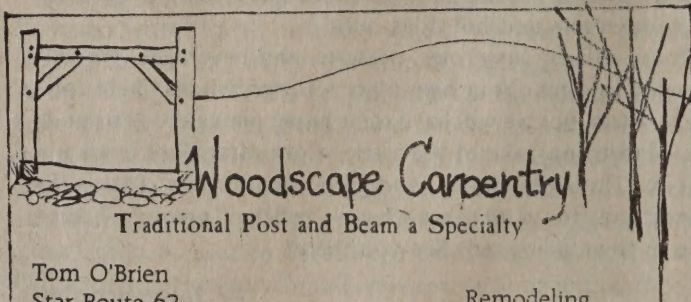
Monterey Race officials' table: Jim Gillooly, Dean Amidon, and Fran Amidon



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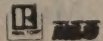
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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Dean and Frances Amidon

The Amidons are wonderful people. From the moment I set foot in their home on Sandisfield Road they made me feel right at home, as though we were already friends. It quickly became clear to me why so many people had so many nice things to say about them.

Dean and Frances Amidon got married during World War II and have been married for 44 years. Dean describes their marriage as a "very successful partnership." They ended up in Monterey quite by accident. "We were partridge hunting in Monterey one day in 1953, and we saw a house we liked and bought it." That was 36 years ago, and they've been permanent residents, in the same house, ever since. The house they live in was designed by Ray Ensign (Bob's father) and built by Art Hebert. They also have a cottage on Lake Garfield.

The Amidons have four sons. Dean Jr., better known as "Skip," lives in Louisiana, has four children, and is an airplane chief mechanic. Peter is a musician and teaches and lives in Vermont. Phillip is an Air Force career pilot working out of the Pentagon and will be promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel this year. Jay is a housepainter who lives here in Monterey. They have eight grandchildren and delighted in telling me how, for the first time ever last summer, they got everyone in their family to come in from all over the country to be together. "It was very crowded," Frances says, "but wonderful! We got it all on video."

After leaving the United States Navy in 1946, Dean Amidon got his B. S. in Civil Engineering in 1949 from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Ever since then he has been a career employee for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Starting out as a District Two Resident Engineer, he worked his way to the top, eventually being appointed by the governor as the Commissioner of that department. Though now "retired," he directed 4,500 employees, and was responsible

for an operating budget of \$100 million and an annual construction advertising budget of \$200+million. He's a registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor. His many awards include being named one of 1980's Top Ten Public Works Leaders in the U. S. and Canada and the Outstanding Engineer of the Year in 1975. He received the 25-Year Award presented by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

To say that Dean Amidon is also active in our community would be an understatement. He, along with Harold Greene, started our first Little League team and helped build our ballfield in the late '50s. He drafted Monterey's first set of Zoning Bylaws and was Chairman of the Board of Appeals. He was Monterey's first Boy Scout leader (Walter Parks was in his troop!). He was on the Monterey Fire Department for 25 years, "before it was nearly as professional as it is today." He was one of those who fought for our regional school system. He's been president of the Lake Garfield Association since its inception and is on the Board of Trustees at Fairview Hospital.

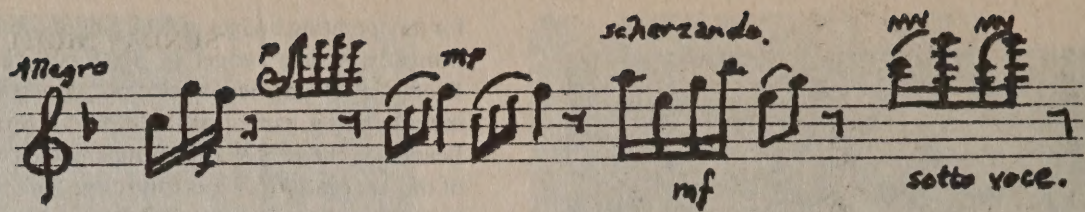
Frances Amidon has been equally active in town affairs, and a lot of her efforts have resulted in making Monterey an even nicer place in which to live. I'll just scratch the surface. In 1954-55 she started the first pre-school in the church basement and then moved with it to the library basement in the late '50s. She began our first swimming instruction classes at Lake Garfield, as well as the Red Cross lifesaving program. She currently serves on the Park Commission, overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of our Town parks, the public beach, skating rink and ballpark.

"When we came to Monterey, we were the first young people in town," they told me, "and it was us who made waves. Now, with so many new young people, Monterey's more active than ever, which is wonderful. But we'll always be involved." They remembered when "the church and Gould Farm used to be the centers of town activity, now it's the General Store. One thing that hasn't changed, and the thing that we feel is so special about Monterey, is that no one judges you. Monterey recognizes no social differences. Whether you're a wood cutter or a high-powered attorney, you're equal. No one cares what you wear or judges you by it."

The Amidons wanted to use this interview to address a current problem which they are quite concerned about, especially since they perceive it as getting worse: that is, the increasingly wide division between second homeowners and full-time residents. "We do feel the situation is worsening, and it's a shame. Everyone should realize that our summer homeowner friends are not asking for special privileges or treatment, but rather, simply to be treated fairly. All the summer folks we know are every bit as considerate of the town and as concerned about its welfare as are full-time residents." They feel a solution is possible. "For one thing, elected and appointed officials need to be more considerate and polite to second homeowners, and vice versa."

Dean and Frances are spending this summer relaxing with their many friends, both townies and summer folk, and golfing, and cruising around Lake Garfield. If you are one of the few people who haven't met the Amidons, I encourage you to say hello when you see them around. Before long you'll be friends.

— Jim Laffey



Catbird music, after F. Schuyler Mathews, *Field Book of Wild Birds and Their Music*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1904.

THE CATBIRD: MUSIC EDITOR

Like a lot of people, I was raised with an inordinate love of catbirds. My mother would come back to the house from the clothesline, joyfully, saying "the catbird" had been out there keeping her company while she hung up the clothes. To this day I thank the catbird because he kept Mom smiling, seasonally, at laundry time. Now I, too, put my best foot forward at laundry time and head out to the clothesline with a basket of diapers ready to enjoy myself. I wish the same could be said for the other offices in the housework department; we never had a catbird in the house.

Some people have had catbirds in the house. They are said to make good pets if "raised from the nest," adjusting well to life in a cage, or out of one if they are given the house to range around in. They will fly back to the cage at night, sing melodiously at dawn and at dusk, and eat potatoes, roast beef, and pastries. I don't actually know anyone who has kept a catbird for a pet, but I've read about this in books by my favorite "early naturalists."

These writers are like me in that they have a soft spot for the catbird. They feel obliged to point out its economic usefulness, involving stomach contents, and forgive a few stolen strawberries in light of all the orchard and garden pests also consumed. They feel the catbird has somehow acquired a bad name; in fact, Thomas Nuttall, writing in 1832, was distressed that such a nice bird should have been dubbed a *catbird*. According to him, the fact that the bird sometimes sounds like a cat ("... simulation of grimalkin's tone, — that wizard animal so much disliked by many, — ...") is not sufficient reason to give it a name which associates it forever with horrible cats. The catbird, says Nuttall, is a "delightful and familiar songster, who seeks out the very society of man and reposes an unmerited confidence in his protection [only to be] treated with undeserved obloquy and contempt."

Since 1832 some people have become more tolerant of both catbirds and cats. I don't know what Nuttall would think of this. By 1929 Edward Howe Forbush was making no mention of the badness of cats. His morality had evolved along aesthetic lines, and he describes with some regret the lovely song of the

catbird which is "softer and sweeter than that of the mockingbird ... though frequently marred by harsh phrases and in some cases interlarded with imitations of songs or calls of other species." I have an idea that it is precisely these unexpected grumblings and gratings, the "harsh phrases," which so endeared the catbird to my mother, at the clothesline.

Thoreau and others have described the catbird as a ventriloquist. One of its many musical accomplishments is the whisper song, a soft echo of its long burst of song. You hear it and think your catbird is way down the block at the neighbor's clothesline, and then a slight movement makes you realize it is there on the endpost, a few feet from your ear. The males give the long songs, consisting usually of bits and phrases imitating other birds or neighborhood sounds. Forbush lists 34 species of birds the catbird can imitate and then gives an account of one that was heard each evening from a front porch in Fall River, Massachusetts, where it sang repeatedly the first three phrases of "Taps," which it undoubtedly heard at a nearby cemetery where it was often played on a bugle.

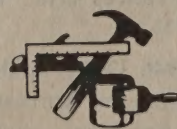
Catbirds are slate grey with black cap and tail. They nest in low bushes, often on the edge of a clearing. The catbird in my life nests in thick chokecherry bushes beside the path to our garden, and I can hear him from my bedroom window, from the garden, and of course, from the clothesline. The imitations we hear most are of the woodthrushes, but I also hear chicken noises "interlarded" and plenty of scolding. Maybe the thing which makes certain people love the catbird so is that he sounds like a complicated and changeable character, just like us. He lives near us, hears what we hear, makes selections, and then plays them back to us as we hang out the laundry. Somehow this version of our daily lives, edited by the catbird, is more charming than the real thing. I am a musician. I should be able to take a few chicken squawks, bugle songs, children's voices, and birdsongs and put them together to keep myself smiling through the housework, but I never do. I'm glad there is a small grey character out there in the chokecherries to do it for me.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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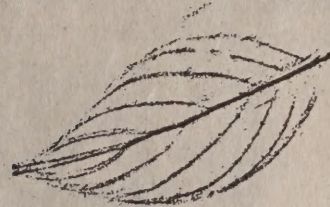
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SUNDAY NIGHT

*The weaving water-ski plumes have fallen,
The celebrating high-rev motors are stilled,
The bright yard lights have gone dark.
Headlights shaft through the soft night
As the quiet cars bear the people away.
The lake has returned to sober silence:
Then a muskrat splashes, a bullfrog groans.*

— David P. McAllester



CHINA, WE WEEP FOR YOU

*Oh, China, we weep for you.
Tears come to our eyes
When we think of the needless slaughter.
Why can't your leaders be wise?*

*Oh, students across the ocean,
We hold our breath at your daring!
Your spirit soars in the air
As we watch how your cause is faring.*

*For what happens, we care deeply.
The thunder reaches us here.
But you have to face the lightning.
We share your hope and your fear.*

— Nancy Adams

WAKA

*A walk by the sea—
gulls flutter and cry their song;
waves beat the worn cliffs
with unmeasurable force—
a moment that is timeless.*

— Ann M. LaVallee

DAISY FIELD

*Democrat of the wide green inn—
Gold head, white collared, brushing our feet;
Fugue of precision on narrow stem—
Without you, fervent summer incomplete.*

— Dorothy D. Law

SUMMER CONSIDERED PAROCHIALY

*These uneasy days when drawling Summer's dissolving; cast
in sift of fog, mild chill. Her thought is South; she
wants the sun. Indifferently she shrinks, stranding
Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and at last
Florida (but here her trace persists), handing*

*to her hapless lovers as she leaves a trail of souvenirs:
scorched meadows, buckled pavement, a menacing sea.
At Havana Summer stops, re-plants her feet
vaults over herself, then, more or less on time, re-appears
below Rio. Home now she pauses. The heat*

*of the immense tropic is what she battens on.
Anchored from Havana to Rio she swells
and, finally uncontainable, she spreads
South again, a steady lap past Paraguay, Uruguay, down
hooked Argentina and serrate Chile, heads*

*to Punta Arenas, the Strait, the sleet-battered oceans,
and down the planeted bulge behind her trails
a springing wake of warming blessings: sidewalk
cafes, fragrant lawns, a sailing sea, motions
of calves and lovers, radishes. Oceans balk*

*her temporarily, but gathering her last strength
through water and ice she dives, banging against
wild Antarctica's uncertain coast. Worn out
now Summer rests. Then chased by deadly chill, retreats the
length*

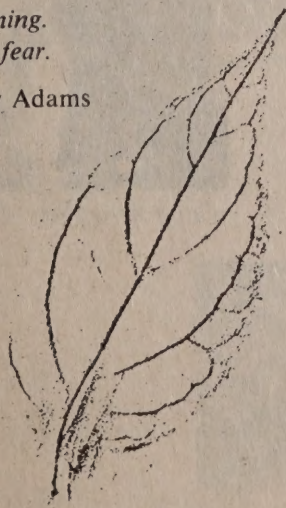
of a quarter-globe until, safe-in-warmth, her new thought

*is North; she wants the sun. Carelessly she shrinks, anchors,
vaults,*

*spreads North—stilling a moment her sad lovers' plaint—
invests Georgia, Labrador, the southern shore
of the white Arctic Ocean where howling incessant Winter
halts*

that march, sending Summer fleeing South of Baltimore.

— James H. Michelman





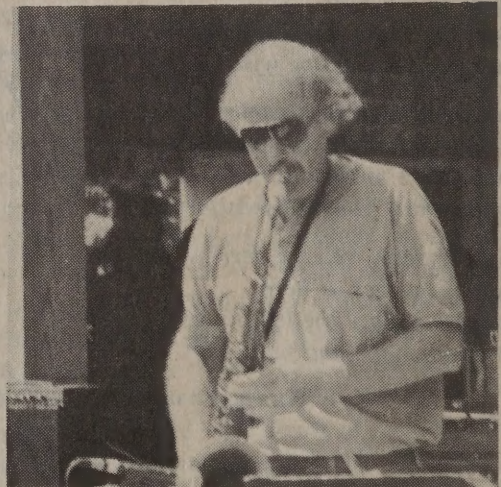
Walter Parks, Postmaster, leads the parade



Bonner McAllester, snare-drummer



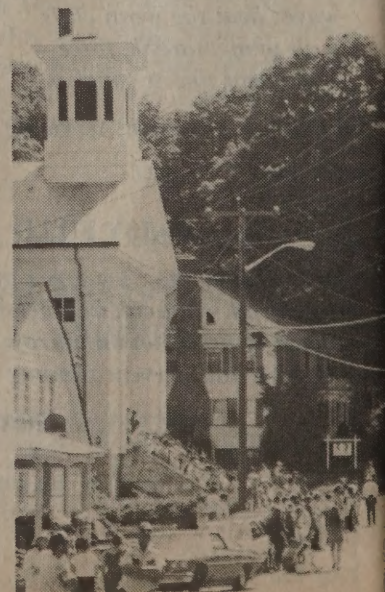
The Solid Waste Committee float



Cliff Aerie plays with The Milestones



Ellen Pearson's Wetlands Wagon, front view





Ladies of the Grange



*Joan Reed and fellow travelers
to Mexico*



Single-runner Rosenthal



Wetlands Wagon, back view with mermaids

MONTEREY FESTIVAL

August 15, 1989

Photos by Susan McAllester



Bob Thieriot and visitors from the city

A NEW MEN'S GROUP

Between May 16 and June 27, nine men gathered every Tuesday evening at Rock Ridge. We were a diverse group. Our ages ranged from the mid-twenties to the late-sixties. The professions were well represented and included performing arts, computer science, carpentry, sales, business, psychology, music, water purification, heating contracting and architecture.

What we had in common were fairly satisfactory and successful lives and a willingness to add more. The "more" was to be determined by each of us by freeing our own individual, unique strengths. These strengths have a number of different labels, such as, your self, soul, center or heart. Joseph Campbell, in his public television interviews with Bill Moyers, might have called it "your bliss." We met to enjoy one another's company and to create a model for a healthy way to relate to one another and to the rest of the world.

I was leading the group and supplied the focus for each meeting; however, the meetings tended to have a life of their own. An example of this was the time one of the participants suggested we each answer the questions: "What would you like us to know about you?" and "What would you *not* like us to know about you?" This was expected to take no more than an hour and be an introduction to the evening's main event. It ended up taking two full evenings from 7:00 until after 9:30 for each of us to answer the questions and listen to the responses of the rest of the group.

We plan to continue in September but have not yet picked a date. One date we have picked is the weekend of October 20, 21, and 22. This is to be a retreat to nature consisting of drumming, dancing, storytelling, sweat-lodge and meditating. It will be led by Joseph Jastrab at his home near New Paltz, New York. I met Joseph in 1982 when he led a ten-day Vision Quest trip that I was on. I also went on a winter snowshoe/backpack trip of his a couple of years ago. Both of these trips and several

intervening weekends have all been exceptional learning experiences for me.

This trip is open to any man who would find it fun, exciting and educational to share a weekend adventure from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon with some of his neighbors and friends. It would be a pleasure to talk with anybody who is interested in the weekend, about the group or just the idea of it all. For information about costs or other details, my number is 528-5154. Other participants from Monterey were John Humphrey, James Ooley, Jason Brown and Arthur Somers, any of whom would welcome your questions and comments.

It was very satisfying to me to lead this group. The friendship that I felt towards, and from, each man kept growing from week to week. I want to extend a special thanks to Arthur and Alice Somers for opening their house to us every Tuesday evening. My hope is that the honesty, openness, warmth and enjoyment that were expressed by each of us towards the others can be sustained and grow in the community at large.

— Elk Dellenbaugh-Dempsey



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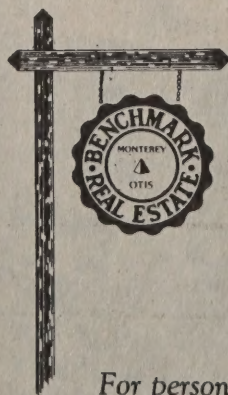
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PERSONAL NOTES

Eleanor Kimberley attended the New England Camera Club Conference at the University of Mass. in Amherst on July 10 and 11. Instructors from throughout the U. S. entered their black and white photos and color slides in the exhibitions and competition.

Hope you had a chance to see the color photographs **Joan Reed** took in Mexico on display at the Great Barrington Savings Bank in July.

Great to see the **O'Connor** family back at their Lake Garfield home. **John, Anne Marie, and Shaen** were in Florida this year, where Shaen attended school, and *shone* in the sports realm. Their return was delayed as Shaen was selected to play for the very competitive All-Star team there. And, from there, Shaen was selected for the "Major League" Little League team next year! Shaen will be ten years old by next season, the minimum age for the Majors! Quite an accomplishment! Shaen is usually catcher, sometimes pitcher, for his team.

Monterey was tenth over the line in the Bermuda Race! Yes! On June 27 **Monterey**, a 47-foot sloop owned by **Les Crane** of Hupi Woods, and crewed by **Doug McTavish** of Art School Road (and six other crewmen) finished tenth among 163 boats competing in this year's 630-mile Bermuda Race. The race, from Marion, MA, to Bermuda, featured 30-knot winds and 14-foot seas, allowing the **Monterey** to clock a top speed of 174 knots surfing down a wave. Tenth! What an exciting and satisfying result for a first attempt!

On July 15 **Doug and JoAnn McTavish** of Art School Road were thrilled to host the wedding of her brother in Monterey. **John Bell** and **Linda Preston** of Toronto, Canada, were married on one of Monterey's most sparkling days. With lots of family present, and many young nieces and nephews making lovely attendants, it was a very special affair. Our congratulations to **John and Linda**.

Bob and Barbara Gauthier enjoyed two weeks at their cottage in York, Maine, recently. Bob ran in a four-mile race there on July 4 and placed first in his age group. Hats off, Bob!

Husband **Stefan** and myself slipped away to Cape Cod for a bit and enjoyed a very relaxing vacation in Wellfleet.

Bon Voyage! **Patrick McBride** of Fairview Road recently left to meet **Tasha Grotz** in Munich, Germany. Pat and Tasha, along with two other friends, will spend five weeks travelling together armed with Eurail passes, backpacks, and a loose itinerary. Last word—leaving Italy and headed for Greece!

Michelle Grotz is doing an internship in a law office in New York City this summer and loving it. Michelle recently completed her sophomore year at Mt. Holyoke College and plans to study in New York her junior year.

Maynard and Gale Forbes enjoyed a weekend on Long Island, where they attended Gale's "most interesting" high school reunion in Bayport.

Hearty congratulations to Monterey students named to the fourth quarter honor roll at Mt. Everett Regional High School. They are, in *Grade 12, High Honors: Shelby Loder*; *Grade 11, High Honors: Natasha Grotz and Anne Makuc*, and *Honors: Patrick McBride*; *Grade 10, High Honors: William Thieriot*, and *Honors: Brooke Loder*, and *Grade 9, Honors: Olivia Williams*. Also, in *Grade 8, High Honors: Marta Makuc*, and *Honors: Christopher Burkhart and Michael Ohman*; and,

Grade 7, High Honors: Erin Sadlowski and Meghan Sadlowski, and *Honors: Rachel Rodgers, Gabe Small, and Bruce Snow*. So glad to see so many of you finished out the year with flying colors. Hats off to all of you and keep up the good work!

Very Happy Birthday Wishes to **Harold Greene** and **Alex Tillet (4!)** on July 15, to **Leonard Weber** on July 18, to **Richard Sheridan** on July 23, and to **Charles McTavish**, 3 years old on July 28.

Please keep the news contributions coming my way! Any little news item you have, please share it with me. Just give me a call, 528-4519, or jot it down and leave it at the General Store, or drop it in the mail to me, just Route 23. Couldn't be easier—I appreciate it!

— Stephanie Grotz

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I usually enjoy Bonner McAllester's nature column each month. It's informative with a wry, special-to-Monterey slant on those with whom we share our acres. Usually it makes me grin in recognition.

July's column, however, made me grimace instead. Indians sneaking up the river on the poor, innocent and unsuspecting white folk? Oh, please.

My partner, David Parrett, and I spend hours with school children and civic groups trying to dispel the Hollywood cliché of the savage Indian. The questions we get range from "How many white people have you killed?" to "Do you have sex like humans do?" (from junior high kids) to "If Indians live in Massachusetts, do you have your own little towns, or what?" (from a high school history teacher). We try to always find the humor in such ignorance.

But Bonner ought to know better. Her father is one of the most respected Anglos in Native America. His work in music ethnology has preserved and spread the music of the Southwestern Indian throughout the world, and we honor him for it.

So . . . dear Bonner, we would welcome you to the Mohawk Trail PowWow in August to set your mind at ease by laughing and dancing with the Real People who were, after all, here first. And who, at first with friendship and only when forced, with warfare, have tried to share this land with you.

And when next you hear your dog barking consider that, unfettered by stereotypes and media hype, it might just know better than you what is in its environment.

— Talking Wolf of the Allegany Seneca Nation
(Jan Thieme, Monterey)

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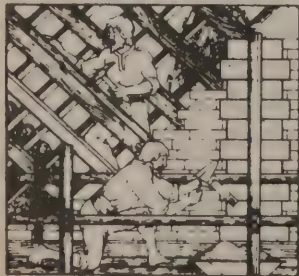
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To the Editor:

I am writing to you concerning a letter you published in June 1989 from a Dro Proudian of New York City concerning a confrontation at the Monterey dump. Mr. Proudian alleges that he and his brother were "abused" by the dump attendant, Bob Hadsell.

Having not been present during the altercation it is not proper for me to comment on who was right or wrong in that matter. I will, however, say that the letter showed Mr. Proudian and his brother clearly in violation of Town rules both in principle and spirit. The letter was also a blatant character assassination of Bob Hadsell.

I have known Bob Hadsell for the years he has been dump superintendent, and I think he handles his job in a superior fashion. I have personally observed Bob on several occasions over the years handle abuse and personal harassment at the dump. Based on these observations, I seriously doubt that he has ever threatened anyone.

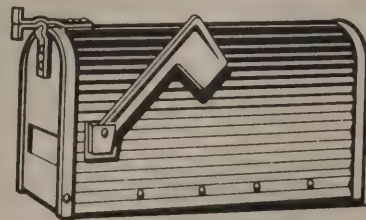
In the past couple of years dump stickers have gone from \$1.00 in price to \$40.00. That and the spectre of too much garbage and no place to put it, coupled with the regular Sunday afternoon Monterey ritual of Volvos, Mercedes, mini-vans and Jeeps lined up full of families heading to New York, dropping off garbage, in my opinion has caused the Town dump to also become the town flash point for trouble.

I think the selectmen have a responsibility to act concerning the Town dump. Perhaps residents should all be sent the dump rules in the mail or something. Maybe this town newspaper could move this most important Town issue up front in the news where it belongs.

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To the Editor:

Thirty years ago, I and my family made our first visit to Monterey. We fell in love with the beauty of the town, Lake Garfield, and the surrounding countryside. Subsequently, we purchased a cottage that gave us privileges to swim, boat and enjoy the lake. In 30 years we have made numerous friends of both permanent residents and second homeowners. Our six children grew up spending summers in Monterey and cultivating long-standing friendships here. It has been a wonderful experience which continues for our family and grandchildren.

So much do we love Monterey that we have retired here as of May. It is now our permanent residence. However, in all the years that we have been swimming and boating on Lake Garfield, we have never encountered so horrendous a weed problem as that which exists this year on the lake. I have been involved with the lake weed problem from the inception of the Lake Garfield Association. Along with others, I have reviewed numerous studies and the published literature on weed control, and appropriate action to slow down the eutrophication process. I am firmly convinced that this year's severe weed problem is the direct result of failure to draw the lake down for the past two years to an effective level, which helped to reduce the weed problem significantly since the procedure began.

Sailing (my favorite pastime) is now virtually impossible since the weeds form an impassable barrier to centerboards and tillers. I recently had to be towed by motorboat to my dock as the only way to get through the weeds. Further sailing is now curtailed until the weeds disappear from our location.

This problem is common to all who attempt to enjoy the lake for swimming, sailing, motorboating, whether they are permanent residents of Monterey or second-home owners. In short, what has historically been one of Monterey's most beautiful resources and a source of pleasure has become a detraction. It is also a source of frustration and division between users of the lake and Town officials and Conservation Commission members who are responsible for refusing to draw the lake down as in the past. The current Diagnostic and Environmental Evaluation study for Lake Garfield and impending recommendations to relieve the lake problems is a giant step in the right direction. It is my sincere hope (and prayer) that the selectmen and members of the Conservation Commission will once and for all be guided by the results of the study.

The overruling decision not to draw the lake down by a few who have the authority, but do not represent the majority, is hardly reflective of an objective democratic process. It is self-evident that their action has merely served to increase the weed problem. I applaud the selectmen for scheduling a public meeting on August 5 to address concerns of the Town's second-home owners. I know many share my concerns about the weed problem, and I trust that the subject will be addressed at this meeting.

In a spirit of mutual understanding and respect as well as objective approaches to the weed problem (as well as other problems), I am confident that solutions will be forthcoming to the satisfaction and gratification of all.

—Paul J. Carnese

(Ed.'s note: Selectmen have postponed the public meeting to August 12, from 9 to 11 a.m.).

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sandisfield Emergency Services Training class as well as the Berkshire Emergency Services Training program in Great Barrington, I want to thank Ray Tryon and his men for coming out on June 11 to demonstrate their extrication equipment. The expertise, as well as the professionalism, of the Monterey firemen shone through clearly. We were all impressed. . . .

Again, we all thank you for your help.

— Victor M. Lucek, Jr., Pres.

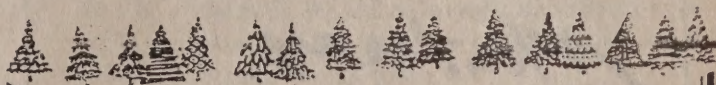
To the Editor:

Your July issue contains a sentence that can only divide rather than unite the full-time and vacation residents of Monterey. It is totally irrelevant that "the year-round residents outnumbered the seasonal residents about three to one . . ." at Let's Dance. Perhaps some of us seasonal residents had other responsibilities and obligations that would not permit us to be here. Or, often by the time we know what's going on in Monterey, we have made other plans. There must be a better way to get us to attend functions and fund raisers than to publish offensive remarks.

I would also like to add that although this year's Summer Festival had a down-home quality, it certainly did not compare to the enthusiasm generated for the event in the past two years. Those events were so special that we not only bought tickets for ourselves, but encouraged any guests or friends we have in the area to buy tickets, too. Do you intend to evaluate '89's festival in relation to '88's? I hope you do before planning for next year's.

Very truly yours,

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TYRINGHAM'S (OUR?) 250th BIRTHDAY

Monterey selectmen, two horsedrawn conveyances, and a reconstruction of one of the Monterey Summer Festival floats will be present in the parade celebrating Tyringham's 250th birthday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m. We were all the same township at the beginning; later we were South Tyringham and made the long steep trek over Smith Hill to town meeting in Tyringham center until 1847, when we became a separate town. The name Monterey was taken in celebration of the American victories at Monterrey and Buena Vista in the Mexican war that year.

All Montereyans are invited to attend the events accompanying the parade and week-long birthday party. These include a pancake breakfast, Sunday, July 30, 7:30-10:00 a.m.; the parade, Saturday, August 5; a dinner, August 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m. (tickets required) and dancing, 8:00-12:00 p.m. On Sunday, August 6, churchgoers will be driven to church in horse-drawn wagons.

THE NIGHT SKY

August is an eventful month in the night skies. There will be a total eclipse of the moon, August 16, starting about 10:00 p.m. and deepest soon after eleven. The Milky Way will appear especially brilliant at this time. There will be *two* new moons, this month, since the full moon comes halfway through the month. The big evening star, low in the west, is Venus. And Thursday, August 24, is the night of Voyager 2's "flyby" of the planet, Neptune.

— David P. McAllester

ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR IN SHEFFIELD

The annual Arts & Craft Fair will be held at Christ Church, Sheffield, MA, on August 10-11-12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Exhibitors from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts will be showing their craftsmanship in wood, ceramic, fabric and paint. The fair is on the lawn of the church and also in the undercroft, where refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

The Conservation Commission did not meet in July. Public meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month. Anyone contemplating construction work in a wetland, or within the 100-foot buffer zone of a wetland, must present plans to the Conservation Commission first.

The next public meeting will be Monday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town offices, downstairs.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

On June 19 one visitor and 17 members of Monterey Grange No. 291 went on a mystery ride which ended up at Friendship Night at West Stockbridge Grange No. 246. We furnished part of the program: "Alfredo's Potato Studio." Master Tillie Butler, Lecturer Mary Wallace, Chaplain Florence Brown, and Secretary Edna Leaven Worth took part in the officers' exchange.

The Grange was invited to Pink and Green Sash Night at Stockbridge Grange No. 295. We had a booth at the Monterey Summer Festival and also took part in the parade. Annual Youth Night was July 19.

Master Tillie Butler and the Lecturer recently took part in the officers' exchange program at Umpachene Grange No. 269.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 9—Community Supper, 6:30 in social room of the Church. Ellen Pedersen, back from three months in Bangladesh, will give an account of her nursing work among the very needy there. Bring a pot-luck dish and learn about our neighbors on the other side of the world.

Thursday, August 10—Friends of Silence, at Rock Ridge, 7:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, August 12—Meeting for second-home owners, and anyone else who is interested, with the Board of Selectmen, in the Town Offices from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 12—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1, to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-518-329-7578.

Saturday & Sunday, August 12-13—Grand Opening at the Joyous Spring Pottery on Art School Road 10 a.m.-5 p.m. exhibition, refreshments, in celebration of the fourth firing at the Bizen climbing kiln. Information: 528-4115.

Thursday, August 17—Planning Board Information Meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the Church basement, to discuss zoning by-law changes proposed for Town discussion and vote at the Special Town Meeting on August 25.

Friday, August 25—Special Town Meeting on the proposed amendments to the zoning by-law by the Planning Board. They will deal with setbacks for stream and pond protection, erosion and sedimentation control, access to public ways, common driveways and perhaps others. There will also be other, more routine matters for Town decisions on the warrant.

Saturday, August 26—Lake Garfield Association meeting, 10 a.m. at the dam. We will be brought up to date on the ecological study of the lake now underway and share other concerns of the members.

Saturday, August 26—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. For other information, see August 12, above.

Saturday, August 26—Monterey Preservation Land Trust picnic, 4-7 p.m. at Woodburn Farm to celebrate the completion of the farm's legal restriction to agricultural use. Everyone is invited: for more information see the story on this event elsewhere in this issue.

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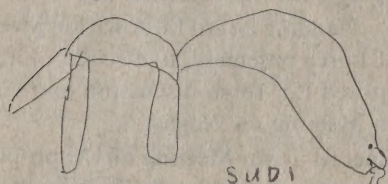
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SECOND-HOME OWNERS MEETING

The meeting for the second-home owners, and anyone else who is interested, with the Board of Selectmen has been *postponed* from August 5 until August 12, 1989. It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Town Offices. This is so the Board of Selectmen may participate in Tyringham's Anniversary Celebration.

— Monterey Board of Selectmen



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